

MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO PEDIATRIC PROTOCOLS



NARROW COMPLEX TACHYCARDIA STABLE

Historical Findings

- 1. Age less than or equal to 15 years.
- 2. Older child may complain of chest pain or rapid heart beat.

Physical Findings

- 1. Heart rate in infants less than 2 years is usually greater than 220. Heart rate in older children is usually greater than 180.
- 2. The patient does *NOT* display signs of shock with weak or no distal pulse, delayed capillary refill, poor skin perfusion and change in mental status.

EKG Findings

- 1. QRS duration < 0.08 (2 little boxes).
- 2. P waves may or may not be seen.
- 3. Little variability in heart rate noted with respiration and movement.

Protocol

- 1. Initiate contact; reassure, and explain procedures.
- 2. Assess and secure the patient's airway and provide oxygen per the airway, oxygen and ventilation protocol.
- 3. Perform patient assessment, obtain vital signs and begin cardiac monitoring.
- 4. Initiate IV access with a saline lock or 0.9 % normal saline KVO.
- 5. Acquire a 12 Lead ECG and maintain cardiac monitoring at all times.
- 6. Consider one attempt at vagal maneuvers (crushed ice to the mid face for 15 seconds).
- 7. Administer Adenosine 0.1 mg/kg IV rapid IV push. (Maximum first dose 6 mg) Adenosine should be administered as close to the heart as possible, preferably in the antecubital vein. Consider use of a double stopcock to administer 5 mL flush immediately.

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- 8. May double and repeat Adenosine once IV rapid IV push. (maximum second dose 12 mg).
- 9. Contact medical command.

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